



COPPER CANYON



## Mexico's Copper Canyon - All Inclusive

### 9 Days, 8 Nights, Motorcoach / Rail Tour

The largest canyon complex in North America, a destination unlike any other! For those who love the unusual and seek adventure, the "Barranca del Cobre" is the answer. At an altitude of 8,000 feet, the mountain peaks are snow-capped in winter while the canyon bottom remains at tropical climate. Here's the home of the semi-nomadic cliff dwellers, the Tarahumara Indians, the least acculturated Amerindians. Experience one of the most dramatic rail journeys in the western hemisphere, on a rail line that took 100 years to complete. Travel with us and enjoy the majestic beauty of one of the world's most unique destinations.

#### Included with Tour

- Deluxe motorcoach round trip from Phoenix / Tucson
- UNESCO World Heritage Site Paquime
- Rail journey on the "Chihuahua al Pacifico"
- Fully escorted and narrated
- Marine excursion of the Sea of Cortez
- Aerial Tramway in the Canyon
- Folkloric and Educational Programs
- Sightseeing in Hermosillo, Álamos, El Fuerte, Copper Canyon, and Casas Grandes
- Porterage (1 suitcase per person)
- Taxes and Gratuities (Driver & Escort are not included)
- Mexican Visa entry fee
- 8 nights hotel accommodations
- ALL MEALS INCLUDED (8 breakfast, 9 lunches, 8 dinners)

#### Price per person

<b>SINGLE</b> <b>\$2,325</b>	<b>DOUBLE</b> <b>\$1,995</b>
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#### 2024 Departure dates

- February 22
- March 7
- April 4
- October 17
- November 7

#### Pre & Post Tour Hotel

<b>Phoenix</b> \$235 per room night (1 or 2 passengers)	<b>Tucson</b> \$150 per room night (1 or 2 passengers)
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Round trip airport transfers, taxes and breakfast.

**Sign up today!**

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#### For more information

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 TRAVEL VACATIONS AND EVENTS

# Tour Breakdown

## DAY 1 | Phoenix — Tucson — San Carlos

Morning departure from Phoenix/ Tucson, AZ. Crossing the border into Mexico at Nogales. After a short drive, we arrive at Santa Ana for lunch. From there, we are on our way to Hermosillo, where we visit the Cathedral and the Government Palace. Arrival in San Carlos Bay is by sunset at our hotel for the night, the Marinaterra Resort. Welcome to Mexico reception hosted by your Tour Director before dinner. (L D)

## DAY 2 | San Carlos

After relaxed breakfast we board a private boat for a scenic cruise on the Sea of Cortes –keep a look for dolphins, seals and possible whales, also exotic birds as the blue-footed booby and the great blue heron. After we return we will visit a scenic lookout point rated by National Geographic as one of the top 10 in the world. Time to relax and visit the Marina shops this afternoon. Dinner this evening at a local restaurant. (B L D)

## DAY 3 | Alamos

We will depart San Carlos after breakfast. Our first stop will be at the Guaymas Pearl farm, the first cultured pearl farm in the Americas, here you will learn about the pearl oyster farming, pearl grading and quality selection. Next we travel south through the rich grain farm lands and to the foothills of the Sierra Madre arriving to the quaint city of Alamos. A living museum, the city cobblestones streets are lined with beautiful Spanish Colonial Mansions. This evening immerse yourself in the local culture at dinner with a colorful spectacle of music and folk dancing by performers in traditional customs. (B L D)

## DAY 4 | El Fuerte

After breakfast take a guided walking tour through the cobblestone streets, visiting some fabled mansions that have been restored to their original glory. The city of Alamos has been declared a national historic landmark by the government. Lunch today is at the hotel. Depart to El Fuerte arriving by early afternoon. Dinner and a great entertainment at the hotel. (B L D)

## DAY 5 | Posada Barrancas

Early in morning, we transfer to the train station for the most spectacular train ride in North America, lunch on board the train, we will be arriving at Posada Barrancas by mid-afternoon. Your hotel for the next two nights is the Hotel Mirador. Tarahumara Indians culture presentation. (BL D)

## DAY 6 | Posada Barrancas

Today we have time to view and interpret Tarahumara Indian arts and crafts, visit the rim of the canyon and enjoy the surroundings and the opportunity to board the new Copper Canyon aerial tramway, allowing us to descend to the Canyons and experience great views. There is time today for some optional activities: hiking, horseback riding or just relaxing. (B L D)

## DAY 7 | Chihuahua

After breakfast, on board our motorcoach we will transfer through Creel as we descend from the mountains onto the Chihuahuan Desert and the city of Chihuahua, the Capital of the State. Tonight we have dinner at a local restaurant. (B L D)

## DAY 8 | Casas Grandes

After breakfast, we will tour Chihuahua, one of Mexico's most historic city centers. The city's patriotic legacy is evident while visiting the Government Palace and the Metropolitan Cathedral. This afternoon we depart for Nuevo Casas Grandes. Tonight we have Mata Ortiz pottery demonstration and our farewell dinner. (B L D)

## DAY 9 | Tucson/Phoenix

Before leaving Nuevo Casas Grandes, we visit Mexico's northernmost archeological site at Paquime, where the ancient Grand Chichimeca civilization erected their truncated pyramids and adobe multistory apartments. We travel through the plains and cattle country of Chihuahua before reentering the USA. Arriving in Phoenix around 7:00 p.m. (B L)



Marvel in the views of Copper Canyon while browsing the crafts of the Tarahumara Indians.



Join us for the scenic and most spectacular train ride in North America.

